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ICOS on its last general assembly at Aberdeen, August 10th, 1996 elected the present Board of Directors (BoD):
The Executive Committee is constituted as follows:
President: Rob Rentenaar (The Netherlands), Vice-President: Margaret Gelling (England), Vice President: Rudolf Šrámek (Czech Republic), Secretary Treasurer: Willy van Langendonck (Belgium), Assistant Secretary Treasurer: Vibeke Dalberg (Denmark)

The other members of the BoD are:
Maria-Giovanna Arcamone (Italy), John Atchison (Australia), Isolde Hausner (Austria), Dieter Kremer (Germany), Bengt Pamp (Sweden), Ritva Liisa Pitkänen (Finland)

The BoD has appointed as members of the Membership Committee:
Chair: Rudolf Šrámek, Secretary: Vibeke Dalberg, Maria-Giovanna Arcamone, John Atchison, Ritva Liisa Pitkänen, Rob Rentenaar

The BoD has appointed as members of the Editorial board:
Chair: Margaret Gelling, Secretary : Willy van Langendonck, Isolde Hausner, Dieter Kremer, Bengt Pamp, Co-opted members: Ernst Eichler, Zofia Kaleta

Subcommittees
Revision of the statutes under the guidance of Ritva Liisa Pitkänen. Members: Maria-Giovanna Arcamone, John Atchison, Isolde Hausner, Willy van Langendonck (secretary), Bengt Pamp.

Subcommittee for the elections of the BoD in Santiago di Compostela in 1999 under the guidance of Isolde Hausner. Members: Vibeke Dalberg (secretary), Ritva Liisa Pitkänen, Dieter Kremer, Rudolf Šrámek.

Next ICOS congress:
The next congress will take place at Santiago de Compostela in the second week of September 1999.

Newsletter
The BoD started a newsletter in order to improve the communication between its members and to give information on activities in the field of onomastics.
Newsletter No 1, October 1997

Membership

ICOS has approximately 270 members. According to the now valid statutes (Art. 4b) applications for membership must have the recommendation from two onomasticians; the deletion of these rules will be proposed to the next general assembly in 1999.